

REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicants appreciate the courtesy Examiner O'Connor and Examiner Woods extended to Applicant's representative. During the interview, the outstanding restriction was discussed. Applicant's representative also explained that the claims are not limited to a temporal limitation (e.g., prospective or retrospective period) unless explicitly recited.

Election

For examination purposes only, Applicants' hereby elect without traverse Group III comprising claims 200, 223 - 239 and claim new 261. New claim 261 comprises previously presented claim 196 and 200.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits. If Examiner Woods identifies any additional issue that might be resolved by a telephone discussion, it is respectfully requested that Examiner Woods contact the undersigned directly at (312)-321-4786.

Respectfully submitted,

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